

1990 (Pub. L. 101-508) further amended the Privacy Act regarding protections for such individuals. The Privacy Act, as amended, regulates the use of computer matching by Federal agencies when records in a system of records are matched with other Federal, State, or local government records.

It requires Federal agencies involved in computer matching programs to:

(1) Negotiate written agreements with the other agency or agencies participating in the matching programs;

(2) Obtain the Data Integrity Board's approval of the match agreements;

(3) Publish notice of the computer matching program in the **Federal Register**;

(4) Furnish detailed reports about matching programs to Congress and OMB;

(5) Notify applicants and beneficiaries that their records are subject to matching; and

(6) Verify match findings before reducing, suspending, terminating, or denying an individual's benefits or payments.

#### **B. SSA Computer Matches Subject to the Privacy Act**

We have taken action to ensure that all of SSA's computer matching programs comply with the requirements of the Privacy Act, as amended.

Dated: February 2, 2007.

**Martin H. Gerry,**

*Deputy Commissioner for Disability and Income Security Programs.*

#### **Notice of Computer Matching Program, Social Security Administration (SSA) With Internal Revenue Service (IRS)**

##### *A. Participating Agencies*

SSA and IRS

##### *B. Purpose of the Matching Program*

The purpose of this matching program is to establish the correct amount of Medicare Part B premium subsidy adjustment under section 1839(i) of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003 (MMA). Pursuant to section 1839(i) of the MMA (42 U.S.C. 1395r), SSA shall determine whether a Medicare Part B enrollee would pay a larger percentage of the Part B premium than an individual with income below the applicable threshold. The agreement has been amended to include individuals who have not dis-enrolled from Medicare Part B, and those who have filed applications specifically for Medicare Part B.

##### *C. Authority for Conducting the Matching Program*

Section 6103(l)(20) of the Internal Revenue Code (26 U.S.C. 6103(l)(20)) authorizes the IRS to disclose return information with respect to Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) to SSA for the purpose of adjusting the usual Part B premium subsidy for Medicare beneficiaries with MAGI above the applicable threshold. Section 1839(i) of the MMA requires the Commissioner of SSA to determine the amount of an individual's Part B premium if the MAGI is above the applicable threshold for an individual or a married couple as established in section 1839(i)(2)(A) of the Act.

##### *D. Categories of Records and Individuals Covered by the Matching Program*

SSA will provide the IRS with identifying information with respect to individuals who are eligible for Medicare Part B, but have not yet enrolled, and individuals who are enrolled for Medicare Part B from the Master Beneficiary Record system of records, SSA/ORSIS 60-0090, originally published at 60 FR 2144 (January 6, 1995) and as revised at 71 FR 1826 (January 11, 2006). MAGI data provided by the IRS will be maintained in the Medicare Database system of records, SSA/ORSIS 60-0321, published at 69 FR 77816 (December 28, 2004), revised at 71 FR 42159 (July 25, 2006). IRS will extract return information with respect to MAGI from the Return Transaction File, which is a part of the Individual Returns, Adjustments and Miscellaneous Documents File, Treasury/IRS 22.034, as published at 66 FR 63794 (December 10, 2001).

##### *E. Inclusive Dates of the Matching Program*

The matching program will become effective no sooner than 40 days after notice of the matching program is sent to Congress and OMB, or 30 days after publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, whichever date is later. The matching program will continue for 18 months from the effective date and may be extended for an additional 12 months thereafter, if certain conditions are met.

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## **DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

[Public Notice 5687]

### **30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: DS 3072, Emergency Loan Application and Evacuation Documentation, OMB Control Number 1405-0150**

**ACTION:** Notice of request for public comment and submission to OMB of proposed collection of information.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of State has submitted the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

- **Title of Information Collection:** Emergency Loan Application and Evacuation Documentation
- **OMB Control Number:** OMB Control Number 1405-0150.
- **Type of Request:** Revision of a Currently Approved Collection.
- **Originating Office:** Bureau of Consular Affairs, Overseas Citizens Services (CA/OCS).
- **Form Number:** DS 3072.
- **Respondents:** Individuals.
- **Estimated Number of Respondents:** 1000.
- **Estimated Number of Responses:** 1000.
- **Average Hours Per Response:** 10 minutes.
- **Total Estimated Burden:** 166 hours.
- **Frequency:** On Occasion.
- **Obligation to Respond:** Required to Obtain or Retain a Benefit.

**DATES:** Submit comments to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for up to 30 days from February 9, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct comments and questions to Katherine Astrich, the Department of State Desk Officer in the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs at the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), who may be reached at 202-395-4718. You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- **E-mail:** [kastrich@omb.eop.gov](mailto:kastrich@omb.eop.gov). You must include the DS form number, information collection title, and OMB control number in the subject line of your message.
- **Mail (paper, disk, or CD-ROM submissions):** Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503.
- **Fax:** 202-395-6974

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Direct requests for additional information regarding the collection listed in this notice, including requests

for copies of the proposed information collection and supporting documents, to Derek A. Rivers, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Overseas Citizens Services (CA/OCS/PRI), U.S. Department of State, SA-29, 4th Floor, Washington, DC 20520, who may be reached on (202) 736-9082 or [ASKPRI@state.gov](mailto:ASKPRI@state.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of our functions.
- Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of technology.

#### *Abstract of proposed collection:*

The purpose of the DS-3072 is to process these emergency loans for destitute citizens and to document the safe and efficient evacuation of private U.S. citizens, dependents and third country nationals from abroad. The information will be used to process the emergency loan, facilitate reception and resettlement assistance in the United States and for debt collection. Respondents are private U.S. citizens and their dependents abroad who are destitute and in need of repatriation to the United States; private U.S. citizens and their dependents abroad who are in need of emergency medical and dietary assistance who are unable to obtain such services otherwise; and private U.S. citizens abroad and their dependents and third country nationals who are in need of evacuation when their lives are endangered by war, civil unrest, or natural disaster.

#### *Methodology:*

The information is collected in person, by fax, or via mail. The Bureau of Consular Affairs is currently exploring options to make this information collection available electronically.

Dated: January 19, 2007.

**Maura Harty,**

*Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

### [Public Notice 5688]

#### **60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Form DS-117, Application to Determine Returning Resident Status, OMB Control Number 1405-0091**

**ACTION:** Notice of request for public comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of State is seeking Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the information collection described below. The purpose of this notice is to allow 60 days for public comment in the **Federal Register** preceding submission to OMB. We are conducting this process in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

- *Title of Information Collection:* Application to Determine Returning Resident Status.
- *OMB Control Number:* 1405-0091.
- *Type of Request:* Extension of a Currently Approved Collection.
- *Originating Office:* Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State (CA/VO).
- *Form Number:* DS-117.
- *Respondents:* Aliens applying for special immigrant classification as a returning resident.
- *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 875 per year.
- *Estimated Number of Responses:* 875.
- *Average Hours Per Response:* 30 minutes.
- *Total Estimated Burden:* 438 hours per year.
- *Frequency:* Once per respondent.
- *Obligation to Respond:* Required to Obtain or Retain a Benefit.

**DATES:** The Department will accept comments from the public up to 60 days from February 9, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- *E-mail:* [VisaRegs@state.gov](mailto:VisaRegs@state.gov) (Subject line must read DS-117 Reauthorization).
- *Mail (paper, disk, or CD-ROM submissions):* Chief, Legislation and Regulation Division, Visa Services—DS-1884 Reauthorization, 2401 E. Street, N.W., Washington D.C. 20520-30106.
- *Fax:* (202) 663-3898

You must include the DS form number (if applicable), information collection title, and OMB control number in any correspondence.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Direct requests for additional information regarding the collection listed in this notice, including requests for copies of the proposed information

collection and supporting documents, to Lauren Prosnik of the Office of Visa Services, U.S. Department of State, 2401 E. Street, N.W., L-603, Washington, DC 20522, who may be reached at (202) 663-2951 or [prosnikla@state.gov](mailto:prosnikla@state.gov).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of our functions.
- Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of technology.

#### *Abstract of proposed collection:*

Form DS-117 is used by consular officers to determine the eligibility of an alien applicant for special immigrant status as a returning resident.

#### *Methodology:*

Information will be collected by mail.

#### *Additional Information:*

Dated: January 11, 2007.

**Stephen A. Edson,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### **Federal Highway Administration**

**[Docket No. FHWA-2006-23638]**

#### **Highway Performance Monitoring System—Reassessment**

**AGENCY:** Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The FHWA is currently conducting a reassessment of the Highway Performance Monitoring System (HPMS), which is a national highway transportation system database maintained and used primarily by the FHWA as a resource for information about the extent, condition, performance, use, and operating characteristics of the Nation's highways. This notice requests public comment on the draft *HPMS Reassessment Recommendations Report*, which is available in the docket and via the FHWA Web site at [www.fhwa.dot.gov/policy/ohpi/hpms/index.htm](http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/policy/ohpi/hpms/index.htm). This draft